India's unsuccessful bid to host Asian Games 2014

3965. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India unsuccessfully tried to host Asian Games in New Delhi in 2014; and

(b) if so, the reasons for failure?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would appear from the outcome that the presentation made by the Republic of Korea carried more weight with the Electoral College than the Indian presentation partly because the RoK delegation said they would be showcasing all of Asia at Incheon, and not just RoK alone, and because they argued that such Games are awarded to cities not countries and Delhi had earlier been the venue of two Asian Games, in 1951 and 1982 respectively, whereas Incheon had not earlier hosted the Games. As the ballot was secret and no explanation of vote was required either before or after the vote, it is not possible to categorically state the reasons for which the vote was lost but it is to be noted that the Chairman of the Olympic Council for Asia announced that the vote was decided by "a narrow margin".

Poor performance of Indian cricket team

3966. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the causes for the utter poor performance of our Indian cricket team during the recent world cup series;

(b) the persons who are responsible for this disastrous defeat;

(c) the corrective measures taken in this regard; and

(d) whether they would be effective and adequate?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which is the recognized National Sports Federation for this sports discipline, has informed Government that it is of the view that the Indian

Team did not perform to its full potential and one bad game against Bangladesh was responsible for the early exit of Indian Team from the World Cup-2007. The BCCI holds the poor performance to be the collective responsibility of the whole team.

(c) and (d) To ensure better performance of the Indian Cricket Team, the Board of Control for Cricket in India had organized a brainstorming session at which former cricket captains were invited and, in consequence, several measures have been taken which include intensive training inputs in different aspects of the game; norms in terms of minimum level of participation in domestic competitions; encouraging young potential players, etc.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers laid on the the Table ...*(Interruptions)*... No; no, nothing...*(Interruptions)*... Only papers laid on the Table....*(Interruptions)*...

प्रो॰ राम देव भंडारी (बिहार): सर, मैंने नोटिस दिया है, Fresh नोटिस है...(व्यवधान)... सर, गुजरात पर नोटिस दिया है। ...(व्यवधान)... सर, मेरा नोटिस है, गुजरात पर बहस कराई जाए।

...(व्यवधान)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers laid on the Table. Shri S. Jaipal Reddy...*(Interruptions)*...

Accounts (2003-2004)of the Delhi Development Authority (D.D.A.) New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Accounts of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), New Delhi, for the year 2003-2004 and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of section 25 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. ...*(Interruptions)*...

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